Sl. No.	State	Calamity Relief Fund (Central Share)			National Fund for Calamity Relief	
		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	1998-99	1999-2000
6.	Gujarat	116.12	121.05	131.14	55.35	54.58
7.	Haryana	20.84	21.73	15.69	13.27	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	22.42	23.37	8.44	—	—
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	16.39	17.09	6.17	—	73.42
10.	Karnataka	34.81	36.29	13.11	49.98	17.09
11	Kerala	46.08	48.04	17.34	—	—
12.	Madhya Pradesh	42.49	44.29	31.98	35.00	38.86
13.	Maharashtra	56.73	44.36	—	—	—
14.	Manipur	2.06	1.61	1.56	—	4.93
15.	Meghalaya	2.32	2.42	1.76	—	—
16.	Mizoram	1.05	1.10	0.08	—	6.00
17.	Nagaland	1.41	1.47	0.53	—	—
18.	Orissa	40.77	42.50	30.70	—	828.15
19.	Punjab	45.04	46.96	16.95	—	—
20.	Rajasthan	148.92	15.25	168.18	21.98	102.93
21.	Sikkim	3.92	4.08	2.95	7.67	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	49.37	51.47	18.59	—	—
23.	Tripura	3.74	3.90	1.41	5.05	5.34
24.	Uttar Pradesh	104.07	108.50	39.18	131.15	16.68
25.	West Bengal	42.69	44.50	32.13	66.33	29.52
	TOTAL:	996.11	1011.86	636.79	497.10	1291.04

Suicide by Farmers

†3291. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to cash crops the farmers fall into a debt—

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trap and are often compelled to commit suicide in the event of failure of crops;

(b) if so, the details of the farmers committing suicide during the last five years, State-wise and year- wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to give such farmers a remunerative price of cash crops?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) As per reports received from the State Governments, State-wise details of suicide committed by the farmers is indicated below:

Andhra Pradesh:	
1997-98 & 1998-99	358
1999-2000	5
Karnataka:	
1998	60
Maharashtra:	
1998	32
Punjab:	
1996	349
1997	418
1998	3

The main reasons for suicides in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra were crop failure and indebtedness. In Punjab, the reasons include family discord, alcohol and illicit drug use, indebtedness, loss of status and crop failure. No other State has reported suicide by farmers.

(c) In order to safeguard the interest of the farmers from distress sale of their produce and to ensure remunerative prices, Government fixes Minimum Support Prices for major agricultural commodities every year based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices. For the Horticulture crops, Market Intervention Scheme is implemented to give remunerative prices to the farmers on the proposal of the concerned State Government.